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New tardy policy greets students second semester

By Ariel Claus

Welcome to semester two Colts. This semester Wooster is officially introducing its new tardy policy.

This new tardy policy is due to the fact that Wooster has nearly 700 tardies a day in the first semester.

This new and improved tardy policy consists of a new protocol for not only students but also teachers.

Teachers now are marking students tardies with a note of how many minutes the student was late. Teachers are also having restorative conversations with students that are consistently tardy to try and help correct the habit.

Teachers also have to notify the parents of students who are chronically tardy.

For students who have been tardy eight or more combined times in their classes will have an e-mail sent that notifies parents explaining the consequences of their student being tardy.

Students who have been tardy eight or more times will have after school detention on Wednesday from 1:45 to 3:45 that will be run by Wooster's deans.

If a student misses or skips their Wednesday detention, they will have to go to Saturday academy from 8 to 10:30 a.m.

If the student does not attend Saturday academy, either the student will be sent to in school suspension (ISS) the following week.

If ISS is also not attended and the students refuses to attend all of the above, they will be suspended from school and then they will have ISS on their return.

For students who are designated on campus/out of class (OCOC), those students will receive two days of ISS on Monday/Tuesday or Thursdays/Friday in room A9.

These students will receive 30 minutes of instruction in core subjects by a teacher or an SEL lesson. OCOC students are able to do

independent work for current assignments as well.

There is some leniency and flexibility with tardies as long as there is an acceptable reason for a student's tardy. Those exceptions will be made on an individual student basis.

A student's tardiness can also affect a student's ability to leave campus during lunch. Students who have a high number of tardies will be restricted from leaving campus at lunch.

Every two weeks students who have not been tardy will receive a positive incentive such as snacks.

Project 150 offers scholarship

By Darcy Lo

Project 150, a non-profit 501 community-based organization, is offering a \$1,000-\$4,000 scholarship to high school seniors planning on attending any of Nevada's accredited higher education institutions.

Applicants will be evaluated through academic records, community service, letters of recommendation, financial need, and personal essays. In addition, applicants must submit school transcripts as well as financial summary.

Applications have been open since October 2022.

To apply, applicants will have to register through the Project 150 website in order to log in and create their online application.

The scholarship will close on March 3, 2023, and personal interviews with the Project 150 Scholarship Committee Panel will open on April 12, 2023. The scholarship will be presented at the organization's award luncheon held in June.

Project 150 was started in Las Vegas in 2011 with a mission to help homeless and disadvantaged students in the Clark County School District.

Project 150 Reno was started in 2014 with a mission to serve homeless displaced and disadvantaged students so they could focus on high school and graduate.

The Project 150 Reno Boutique opened in April of 2019 and provides students needing basic supplies.

According to the U.S. Housing and Urban Development 2018 Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress, approximately 6,800 of the 19,300 high school students in Washoe County are identified as disadvantaged, meaning these students are eligible for free/reduced-price lunch.

The report also indicated that 1,404 Nevada youths were homeless with 1,177 staying in

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Metals program continues to upgrade equipment and opportunities for student skills education

By Dylan Riggan

Over the past few years the metalworking and CTE programs has been steadily improving at Wooster High School.

Metals teacher Bo Sellers has been replacing old equipment and adding new and improved work stations.

"Since I've been teaching here at Wooster, my students and I have worked very hard to improve this metal shop," Sellers said.

The following is a list of all the new equipment introduced to the metal shop:

- Vertical Saw – \$6,3000
- Horizontal Saw – \$4,500
- Two lathes – \$5,000
- Plasma table – \$28,000 +

\$5,000 for software

- Welders – \$24,500 for seven + TIG MIG kit – \$1,000 each
- Car Lift – \$5,500 (Donated by Sellers' parents)
- Hydraulic Shear – \$12,000
- Box and Pan Break – \$5,000 for two
- Rod Oven – \$2,100
- Lap tops + cart – \$28,000 for 25 lap tops + \$3,000 for cart
- Rebuild exhaust system – \$2,000 (parts donated by Western Nevada Supply)
- New arms for welders – \$6,300 for seven
- Re-paint metal shop – \$300 (paint donated by Reno Paint Mart)

The vertical and horizontal saws are both machines used to cut metal.



Above: Morgan Johns, right, and Kenneth Rather, left, working on the new plasma table. Below left: A new car lift is one on the latest addition to Wooster's metal shop.

The lathes are used to spin a stationary piece of metal in order to sharpen it.

The plasma table shoots an electrical arc through compressed air to cut metal.

TIG and MIG kits are both different ways that students can weld metals.

The car lift is used to lift vehicles in the air in order to work under them.

The hydraulic shear is another machine used to cut metal that would be difficult to cut otherwise.

The Box and pan brake is used to bend sheet metal.

The rod oven is filled with

heated rods and help form a quality weld.

The new exhaust system is there to control the amount of fumes and gases students are exposed to.

Finally, the welding arms are there to capture dust and fumes directly at the source.

Sellers said the new equipment will definitely improve the metals program.

"The new resources will provide students with a more in-depth skill training in all areas of metal working and welding," he said. "It will make my job easier so I can teach the latest technology that is being used in the industry."



School district approves firearms K9 officer

By Ed Murrow

The Washoe County School District Board of Trustees approved the addition of a firearms K9 to its police force at its Jan. 10 meeting. The addition of the officer will be funded by grant money secured by the school district. The K9 and its handler will patrol schools to look for any possible kind of firearm. The officer will be the first of its kind in the Truckee Meadows.

Firearms dogs are trained to sense ammunition, gunpowder, gunpowder residue and explosive molecules. The dog's training

will be similar to bomb sniffing dogs and can take from two to four months.

Trustee Joe Rodriguez was in support of this issue, "Hopefully, it will serve more of a deterrent," Rodriguez said. "I hope this dog never finds a firearm in our schools. However, given the current situation of our national climate, it's a very real threat that should be addressed," he said.

The school district hopes to have the K9 and its handler working in the district by the spring of this year.

That was the Wooster semester that was

By Ariel Claus

Happy end of the first semester. Heres' a review of what happened and how Wooster students feel about the first semester of the 2022-23 school year.

The first semester saw Wooster's class and student body officer elections back in business due to its ending because of Covid-19 pandemic in 2020.

Wooster had many candidates for this year's election as well had a competitive election.

The school discontinued assemblies and started doing town halls. This is when only two classes come for assembly's at the time rather than all classes.

During town halls, the class presidents for all grades of students are present and address topics of the day along with teachers, counselors and administrators.

The class presidents do majority of the speaking and they pass out goodies such as candy and stickers. They also organize the

games that are played during the town hall.

Wooster also got major bathroom upgrades. Things such as new soap dispensers, toilet tree dispensers, and fixed paper towel dispensers.

Leadership and various clubs had not only a very successful blood drive, but also a successful food drive and clothing drive.

Wooster's sports also had a good first semester with boys soccer, football, girls golf and cross country teams qualifying for regional competition or playoffs.

The ski team got a new coach, girls basketball now has cheerleaders perform at their home games, and the wrestling team now has more female wrestlers.

Hoofprints interviewed 20 Wooster students and asked them for their opinion of this school year's first semester.

"I think this semester was definitely successful," said Belleteny Manzo.

Winterfest Feb. 13-18

By Yasmin Hernandez Diaz
Winterfest is scheduled to take place the week of Feb. 13-18 with the theme being based on Disney+ or Wooster+ as leadership is calling it.

The celebration will focus on the students and the school. Unlike last year's ice skating, the Winterfest Dance will be held in the school gym.

"We wanted to increase participation as well as cut down on the cost," said leadership adviser Sylvia Averill.

While the actual dance is Feb. 18,

the week before will feature dress up days. As for an assembly, its still hasn't been decided.

Finally, Averill said she wants this dance to focus on the students as it has been a rough couple years.

"I want to bring back a sense of school spirit and belonging," she said.

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Atmospheric stream reeks havoc on Northern Nevada roadways

By Emma Kennedy

The new year stormed in with extreme weather, and has only slightly calmed down.

The atmospheric stream brought record snowfall to the Sierras and the Truckee Meadows. While the snow is beautiful to look at, it is not so fun to drive in.

Due to the winter storms that have passed through Nevada, many roads have been unsafe to drive on. The snow has caused highways to be closed due to the unsafe travel on them.

State route 208 saw the most spectacular weather-related damage as 400 feet of the highway was covered in a massive rock slide in the Wilson Canyon area of Lyon County.

The highway is closed between Hudson Aurora Road and State Route 339. It is a sector of road that runs through the Wilson Canyon between Smith Valley and Yerington.

Top ten Christmas gifts for 2022

By Destanee Butler

Shoppers did not disappoint retailers with the Christmas gift purchases in 2022.

Here are the top 10 gifts as reported by consumer retailers:

- #1. Figet Toy Pen, is a functional pen that can be transformed into endless shapes.
- #2. Cloud Slides, are like pillows for your feet.
- #3. Rechargeable Hand Warmers, After fully charged it can



A massive 400-foot rock slide closed State Route 208 in the Wilson Canyon area of Lyon County. (Photo courtesy of KOLO-TV)

The Nevada Department of Transportation has no estimate when the highway will re-open. Interstate 80 has been closed on and off due the storm that passed through on Jan. 14.

The storm caused a rock slide at Mystic and resulted in multiple accidents and spinout at the Donner Lake interchange. Chains and snow tire restrictions were in

effect on I-80 and on all mountain roads.

Highway 50 between Echo Summit and Myers caused traffic to be at a standstill during the week.

In the Truckee Meadows driving was treacherous with The Washoe Country School District issuing a delayed start on Jan. 17 and a total school closure on Jan. 19.

heat up in seconds and offer hours of warmth.

- #4. 3D Moon Lamp, 16 color transformations, four flash modes and a dimmable feature, makes a great decorative lamp.
- #5. 14K Gold Hoop Earrings, simple and stylish, lightweight and hypo allergenic.
- #6. Echo Dot, can play music, set timers, control smart homes and learn about news/weather.
- #7. Mini Waffle Maker, can also

cook hash browns, cookies, or even eggs.

- #8. Mini Pocket Projector, connect to iPhone or android to watch and there's a built in battery and speaker.
 - #9. 3-in-1 Charging Station, charges air pods, apple watch, and iphone.
 - #10. Series 7 Apple Watch, smartest technology.
- These were the 10 best selling Christmas gifts of 2022.

December flood watch hits Reno area

By Darcy Lo

On Dec. 28, the National Weather Service in Reno issued a flood watch for both Reno and the surrounding communities.

Earlier that day residents along the Truckee were informed of possible flooding as water had already begun rising.

However, the cold air in the area meant snowfall, not rain, significantly reducing the flooding risk in valleys, foothills, and especially creeks.

The Sparks Police Homeless Outreach and Proactive Engagement Team monitored the river and contacted people experiencing homelessness of the potentially dangerous river conditions as more winter storms were expected throughout the week.

The flooding concern was excessive runoff from heavy rainfall

could have resulted in flooding from rivers, creeks and streams and other low-lying areas.

On Dec. 31, Northern Nevada was hit by a record-breaking storm with as much as nine inches of snowfall at the Reno-Tahoe International Airport, breaking

the daily record for snowfall.

A total of 2.3 inches of rain and 9 inches of snow fell in the Truckee Meadows and surrounding areas. Due to warmer temperatures accompanying the storms, the NWS was also concerned about runoff from melting snow.

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Spanish Club offers students fun and learning

By Carolina Huerta

The Wooster Spanish Club is a club full of learning and new, fun things, but most importantly it welcomes students to learn more about the Hispanic culture.

Spanish teachers Carmen Hernandez Chanvez and Marco Real Zepeda are the club advisers and the club itself is made up of nine active students.

There is not a club president, but the members act in a leadership capacity.

“The people who are more fluent with Spanish are the ones who help out the most especially with people who are not related to the Hispanic culture,” Real Zepeda said.

Hernandez Chanvez is happy to have the club back.

“Last year, we had some difficulties when it came to clubs and sports due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but this year we’re back and it is really wonderful to start all over again.”

The club continues to try and come up with new events of every holiday and they try to find ways to interact with the school

and make learning more fun.

Last year for Christmas they sold candy canes and had a raffle to win a jacket. This year club members said there are more things coming up and events they are looking forward to.

“We can’t give much information on this event because we want to make it a surprise, but I know students will love these upcoming events. Real Zepeda said.

Club members agree the club is a great way to learn things and meet people.

“We’re very happy to belong to this club and we can’t wait to keep learning. Mr. Real Zepeda and Mrs. Hernandez Chanvez are very good teachers and we love them so much,” students interviewed said.

One of the benefits of being a club member is a graduation cord that indicates their contribution to the club and the school.

One of the most interesting aspects of being a club member is learning and interacting with students from other countries who are club members.

Riggleman joins Colts science department

Ed. note: This is the latest installment introducing new staff at Wooster.

By Emma Kennedy

Over the summer Wooster has gained a variety of new teachers. Gaining new teachers is always interesting, not only for the teachers, but the students who get to learn about them as well.

Wooster gained science teacher Jessica Riggleman. This is Riggleman’s first year as a licensed science teacher. She has been teaching science for four years, either through non-profits like Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation or as a long term sub.

Riggleman has a Bachelors of Science from the University of Nevada, Reno and is currently pursuing a Masters degree in secondary education with an emphasis in science education.

She grew up in Reno and came to Wooster in order to learn more



Riggleman

about the IB program along with hearing positive things from friends who attended Wooster.

Riggleman loves working with and getting to

know her student. She also loves working with the other science teachers because of their positive attitudes and encouragement towards one another.

During fall break of this year, Riggleman was married.

In her free time, she enjoys watching movies and TV shows, listening to audio books, spending time with friends and family, playing games, and relaxing at home with her husband and rescue cat Brad Kitt.

habitation.

Project 150 Reno has provided basic needs items to over 30 schools in Northern Nevada since its inception..

Project 150

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Sierra snow pack has officials cautiously optimistic

By Yasmin Hernandez Diaz

This year’s winter storms have brought an incredible amount of snow and rain for Nevada and specifically the Sierra.

After the precipitation generated by the recent storms, the snow depth is 31.5 inches with the lower snow depth at 7.9 inches. The water content of about 3 inches at the highest elevation and less than one inch for the lowest.

The last snowfall with the biggest amount of snow was on Jan. 18 with 2.4 inches.

The California Department of Water Resources snow survey on Jan. 3 at Phillips Station recorded 55.5 inches of snow depth and a snow water equivalent of 17.5 inches which is 177 percent of the average for the Phillips location.

Statewide, the snow pack is 174 percent of average for this date.

The 130 stations placed throughout the state show the snow pack’s snow water level equivalent is 17.1 inches or 174 percent of average for Jan. 3.

Despite the current snow condition, DWR officials remain cautiously optimistic. In order for the winter snowfall to help alleviate drought conditions in the state, solid snowfall must continue through April 1.

The only downside of the recent storms is the flooding in California, rock slides in the Sierras and avalanche condition in many Sierra locations.

Its an amazing amount of snow and with more forecast on the way, it will continue to put a dent in the recent drought conditions for Northern Nevada and California.

CES shows off beemer chameleon car

By Isis Garcia Cruz

The Consumer Electronics Show is the most influential tech event in the world, where some of the biggest brands find new business partners and innovators show up on stage. This is where various companies show off new ideas for products.

There were many products shown this year and one of the

Gamer’s Corner

By Esdras Mora

“Wanted Dead” releases on Feb. 14, for PC, XBOX ONE/X/S and PS4/5.

This triple-A cyber-punk indie game resurrects the dwindling genre of cyber-punk games which have been a let down in previous years.

The game is set in a dystopian version of Hong Kong. With themes of futurism, 90’s style lo-tech and cyber-punk style weapons, characters and environments.

Players will guide the main protagonist Hannah Stone, a Hong Kong police detective, to uncover a major corporate conspiracy, that is boiling in the center of Hong Kong.

The battle is against gang-lords, mercenaries and scientific freak creations.

However, when not in combat or story mode, the players can venture the city of Hong Kong while visiting bars, arcades, restaurants and allow the player, to play instruments, cook ramen, play mini-games and complete side quests, with a byproduct of meeting new

characters along the way.

The game will consist of dual-wielding weapon combat, consisting of long range guns, and melee weapons such as Ms. Stones signature katana.

The weapons will be customizable with wraps, and designs to the scopes, handles and more with more weapons to be unlocked and futuristic gadgets to aid the players on their journey.

The combat will not be full of gore, but the developers have implemented fifty different variations of finishing takedowns.

This drives the focus for players to use both long range and melee weapons to succeed and make the fighting experience more versatile.

Developed by Studio Soleil, they state that the game will be extensively story based and will not contain a multi-player platform. The story mode includes 20-30 hours of gameplay. An early contender in the 2023 indie game lineup for a memorable game at the end of the year.

New Year’s storms cause major power outages

By Dania Mayorquin

As December ended and the new year was coming in, The Truckee Meadows faced some intense snowfall levels that caused power outages through the area.

The record-breaking nine inches that fell from Dec. 29 through Jan. 4 caused power outages to more than 71,000 customers across Northern Nevada during the New Year’s Eve weekend.

Spot outages blanketed the Truckee Meadows with more than 700 customers experiences outages in South Reno.

Wooster senior Mackayla Ondelacy was one of the many residences affected.

“I spent a few hours freezing in my house because my heater wasn’t working. I spent those hours bundled with like 10 blan-

kets,” she said.

On Dec. 30, people living in the Gentry and Kietzke Lanes area spent New Years and the following day without power. Those neighborhoods spent 4 days straight with no heat, lights and maybe warm water.

The power outages lead to an increase purchase of power generators all around Reno ranging in price from \$500 to \$1,000.

Not only homes were effected by the outages, do Was Wooster High School. The school spent a few days without power and this lead to cancellation of girls and boys basketball practices.

Players on the girls basketball team said the amount of snow in the school’s parking lots was insane, leading some players car’s getting stuck in it.

bigger products that was shown was the BMW i Vision Dee.

Its a concept car that has AI-powered virtual assistants and full window shield heads-up displays.

But the main factor is that it can change colors on command.

Its previous model was only able to change between black, white, and gray. The model shown this year has 32 colors

available and its made up of 240 E Ink e-paper, which means that each individual piece can be controlled and changed separately.

This means that it can be a solid color or put on a show, which allows for an infinite amount of patterns and designs.

This paper was also used on the wheels and grille. This leads to

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At the Flicks

By Kianna Magno

Let's begin with some upcoming movies for February.

The first movie's title is called, "80 For Brady." This movie is about four friends who are New England Patriots fans that take a life-changing trip to the 2017 Super Bowl. Stars Jane Fonda, Sara Gilbert, Sally Field and Harry Hamlin. This movie will be released on Feb. 3.

Another movie set for release on Feb. 3, is titled "Knock at the Cabin." Produced by Universal Pictures and based on the book, this movie is about making a choice to save humanity or your family. Stars M. Night Shyamalan, Dave Bautista. and Nikki Amuka-Bird. This horror/ mystery movie is rated "R."

The third movie is "Magic Mike's Last Dance." The live show in Las Vegas can be seen in theaters on Feb. 10. It stars Channing Tatum, Salma Hayek and Steven Soderbergh. It is also rated "R."

The fourth movie is a crime and thriller movie which is also rated R. "Marlowe" is about a detective getting hired to find an ex-lover of a heiress. It's set in 1940's Los Angeles and is another iteration on the famous Philip Marlowe novel series. Stars Liam Neeson in the title role along with Daniela Melchior and Colm Meaney. It opens on Feb. 15.

The next installment in the Marvel Universe is "Ant-man and the Wasp: Quantumania."

Opening on Feb. 17, this marvel movie will bring audiences into the quantum realm and follows the adventures of Scott Lang and Hope Van Dyne. Paul Rudd, Evangeline Lilly, Michelle Pfeiffer and Michael Douglas reprise their roles for this sequel.

"Cocaine Bear" is rated R release on Feb. 24. It is a thriller about a 500-pound black bear that consumes a significant amount of cocaine that was dropped from an airplane by a local drug smuggler and goes on a rampage in the Georgia forest. Stars Elizabeth Banks and Christian Convery. It's rated "R."

The final movie in the review is called, "Jesus Revolution." The film is based on a true story about a life story of a former "hippie." His name was Greg Laurie.

He finds a Christian fellowship church in Southern California run by a street preacher Lonni Frisbee and Pastor Chuck Smith who have thrown open the doors of Smith languishing church to a stream of wondering youth. This unfolds to be the greatest spiritual awakening in American history Stars John Gunn, Jon Erwin and Kelsey Grammer. It opens on Feb.24 as well.

Grab a bucket of popcorn, your favorite candy and soda, and have fun *At the Flicks*.

Question of the Month

By Carolina Huerta

What is your opinion of the new tardy policy?

Staff:

"I think it's great idea because this is the way students are going to be responsible when it come to getting to class earlier and coming to class."



– Heather Little



used to this." – Dustin Coli

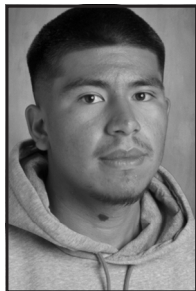
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Seniors:

"This new policy is not so bad because sometimes being late make the teachers start with the lesson all over again."



– Jillian Kirgin



strict at all."

"Me and my friends are always late and that proves it doesn't change anything at all. When we go to suspension, teachers aren't

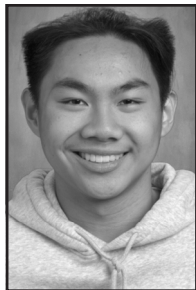
– Youbani Cruz Ramirez

Juniors:

"The policy isn't bad at all. It's just the opinions of the students who don't like it that makes it seem bad."



– Jose Hernandez Ayala



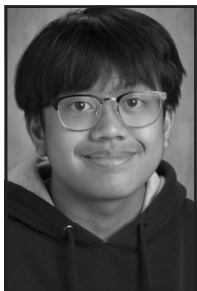
policy."

"The new tardy policy is a great idea and structure built to get students to class. But certain students could care less about the tardy

– Jared Marquicias

Sophomores:

"I think it's unfair because we are late without wanting to be late or sometimes there are no bells."



– Ian Christian Fernandez



thing about tardies and absences."

"I don't mind the new policy, but I don't think it was necessary because the school could've done a different

– Andrew Duong

Freshmen:

"It's OK. I mean the people who don't like it, that's their problem, but to me it's honestly something I ignore."



– Dulce Ruiz Lopez



the school."

"I think it was unnecessary because at the end if the day I don't think it's going to change anything about

– Fatima Huerta

February Calendar

Compiled from staff reports

- 1 WIDA Access Testing, 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Career Center Spanish Club Rose Sales Track and Field Pre-season practice, 2:15 - 3:15 p.m. Wrestling study hall and practice, 2:45 - 5:30 p.m. Spring play rehearsal, 2:45 - 5:45 p.m., Hart Theater Girls JV basketball vs. South Lake Tahoe, 3 p.m. Girls varsity basketball vs. South Lake Tahoe, 6 p.m. Boys freshman basketball vs. South Lake Tahoe, 3 p.m. Boys JV Basketball vs. South Lake Tahoe, 4:30 p.m. Boys varsity basketball vs. South Lake Tahoe, 7:30 p.m. FAFSA Night, 6 - 7:30 p.m.; A Hall classrooms
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Ski team challenges the weather, slopes

By Ariel Claus

Every season for Wooster's ski team, the Colts battle the weather or the conditions: not enough snow or too much snow.

This year is no exception as a new ski coach, Bob Denis takes over the Colts' program.

He is not currently a teacher at Wooster, but he previously was a teacher for the district for 30 years.

Wooster's ski team only consists of three skiers this season, seniors Emily Chapman and Eli Povolny. Freshman Benjamin Brown round out the roster.

Wooster's athletic director Brian Farrow believes the lack of skiers is due to the cost of being on the ski team.

The school tries its best to help reduce the cost for skiers who did not previously ski and may need to buy their own ski equipment by being able to provide some ski equipment for students in need.

The ski team practices every Saturday and Sunday at Mt. Rose, conditions permitting.

Skiers do have to purchase their own ski card, but because they are on the team they do receive a small discount which helps reduce the cost.



Chapman



Povolny



Brown

One of the benefits of being on the ski team is the skiers do not have a designated time that their practice ends. Students end practice when they feel like they are ready too.

Ski team members also receive transportation from school district buses to and from practices and meets.

Unfortunately, they have yet to have a meet this season due to being cancelled because of excessive snow at Mt. Rose.

Wooster is currently trying to get more students to join the team because there are many benefits especially with a larger team.

Boys basketball vying for 3A North title

By Keith Marie Tamyo

The Colts boys basketball team is in contention for the 3A Northern West title. The team standing in its way is the Truckee Wolverines.

Wooster is currently 4-3 in league, and 7-13 overall, one game behind Truckee with a one-point loss to the Wolverines on January 17.

The Colts are coming off a convincing 57-38 road win against the South Tahoe Vikings on Jan. 30.

"We played really well at South Tahoe," said varsity coach Jose Parra. "Anytime you can get away with a road win at South Tahoe, it's a big deal."

Wooster is hoping to pay Truckee back for the earlier season loss when it faces the Wolverines in its last home game. The Colts will play at Hug on Feb. 1.

Wooster is lead by senior Jose Vazquez Silva who is averaging 16.3 points and 12.4 rebounds per game. His field goal percentage leads the team at 49 percent.



Senior and team leader Jose Vazquez Silva elevates to the basket for two.

The Colts JV team has improved through the season.

"We have learned to trust each other more and learned that we are a family," said coach Draun Manning. "Our mantra through-

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Girls basketball eyeing playoff bid

By Makayla Ondelacy

The Wooster girls' basketball team has 4-3 record and is in third place in the 3A Northern-West League as January come to and end.

This year's team is a lot smaller says head coach Sheryl Hicks.

"Our strengths are our speed and quickness - get up and down the court and then camaraderie on the team, they all get along well."

The team can work together well and knows how to work together, Hicks said. The team is very well connected and all the girls are friends.

"We've gelled more, I think we kind of know each other's style of play, like individuals' style of play and we know what they're going to do when they get the ball," Hicks said.

All the seniors have been playing since their freshman year except Sofia Real-Ramos who has been a great addition to the team.

"I think the seniors play well, they all know each other, pretty much grew up with each other," Hicks added.

The team has a possible chance of getting to this year's regionals, depending on the last three games that they have.



Colt seniors from left to right: Kylee Vega, Isabella Caviglia, Sofia Real Ramos, Basha Owusu Amankonah, Makayla Ondelacy and Dania Mayorquin Rosas.

This year's challenge for the Colts is North Valleys.

"The biggest challenge in the league is North Valleys," Hicks said. "All the other teams we've played has had all different levels competitively."

The girls this year are more humorous, they all have big personalities, Hicks said.

"This year's team is more humorous, in a good way, whereas last year's team

sometimes got kind of serious; this year's teams knows when to serious and when not to be serious," she said.

"Last year's team was more talented, we had height, but this year's team seems to be more easy going and not so uptight."

The team this year is Coach Hicks most fun team.

"With this year's team, I've probably had the most fun with since I don't even know when."

Rifle team aiming at qualifying for regionals

By Christine Reid

The Colts rifle team will wrap up its season with one more official match in mid February.

The state junior varsity and varsity championships were held on Jan. 27-28 where the Colts shooters competed against other schools in Northern Nevada including Carson and Douglas high schools.

Wooster's JV team qualified for the match and took a second place finish.

On Saturday, a regular meet was held where every school could send in two teams.

Mia Bernal Gardea scored third place in the new shooter category.

With only one month left in the season, it looks to be promising with one more local meet in the middle of February and high hopes that the team make it in to regionals said coach Col. Kenneth Stynen.

"We're hoping to apply for a regional event which will hopefully give us the chance to go to Utah and shoot with the other schools," Stynen said.

Beemer

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the car being able to make "facial expressions" due to the AI assistant reacting to different inputs.

While this car is only a concept as of now, the team behind the car is working on improving it, but many people are anticipating its full release.

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Knecht joins administrative team

By Makayla Ondelacy

A retired assistant principal and former dean, Georgette Knecht, has joined the Wooster community.

Knecht recently retired from the Washoe County School District from Pine Middle School.

"I was at Pine last year. It was my last officially year in the Washoe County School District," Knecht said.

"I retired kind of early because I love traveling and I had children very early, my husbands retired, so we just decided we wanted to be able to travel."

Knecht will be at Wooster for at least the rest of the semester, filling in for Trina Olsen.

Her responsibility will be working with discipline and behavior.

"My primary responsibility will be taking over and working with students with the deans to encourage positive behavior," she said.



Knecht

Knecht will be helping students who are struggling to follow the rules or entering classes late and helping them to be successful in class or on campus.

Knecht came started working at McQueen High School and then moved to Dilworth Middle School teaching AP U.S. History to freshman and sophomores

Learner World History.

"I became interested in school leadership when I was at Dilworth," she said. "My children were getting older so I went back to school and got a masters degree in school leadership and that's when I became the dean and assistant principle at Dilworth."

Knecht loves the Wooster staff.

"I have been impressed on how all staff work together and is so positive and friendly."

She likes that the students have goals set for the future and that Wooster gets students to any colleges around the world.

"It seems students really have the opportunity to plan for any future career they want."

District retrofits school bathrooms

By Christine Reid

For the first time since around the late 1980's, Wooster's bathrooms have been completely retrofitted with new soap dispensers, paper towel dispensers, and toilet paper that doesn't feel like a thin tissue.

While students are happy to see these updates, some might say they were long overdue.

But why did it take more than 30 years for the bathrooms to finally be updated?

Scott Loring, Wooster's Site Facilities Coordinator had the easy answer.

"They were easier to use," he said.

The renovations were not budgeted by the school, he said.

The cost was covered by the



New soap dispensers are just one of the items retrofitted into the boys and girls bathrooms at Wooster.

school district. The district retrofitted the bathrooms for every school in the district alphabetically, and Wooster just happened

to be the last on that list.

The only thing Wooster was really responsible for was scheduling.

Sellers and his family visit Japan

By Destanee Butler

The metal shop teacher Bo Sellers and his family went to Okinawa, Japan, over Christmas break and stayed there from Dec. 21 through Dec. 31.

Sellers said that the trip was very, very good and that he hasn't done a lot of traveling until he met his wife.

He said traveling has opened his eyes. He along with his family on his wife's side made the trip.

The Sellers decided to go to Japan because his brother-in-law is stationed there for the Air Force. He is a para rescue jumper.

Para rescue jumpers are combat medics that are trained to save injured soldiers from difficult places to reach.

Sellers said that they went snorkeling, sight seeing, and saw a giant lighthouse on the coast. He



The Sellers clan at the southern light house on Okinawa. In the far background the island of Tiwan is visable. (Photo courtesy Bo Sellers)

said the weather there reminded him of a jungle. It was very hot and humid, and felt like a jungle. He said that 15 percent of Okinawa is U.S military bases.

Sellers said the travel was his least favorite part of the trip. It

took 19 hours and three to four different flights to get to Okinawa.

His favorite part of the trip was going out and seeing the structures because they were built out of thick concrete for tsunami's.

What interested him the most

Welders gear up for certificate testing

By Esdras Mora

Wooster's metal shop instructor Bo Sellers plan to send another batch of welders to Reed to attempt to earn their welding certificate.

The top two metal shops will be meeting up for the test. In Washoe County School District, the top two metal shops are Reed in first place and Wooster in second place.

The only difference Sellers said is "the teacher at Reed has been there for 17 years, come back and see this place when I'm on year 17."

Only seven spots are available for Sellers level III Metal's working class, currently enlisted for the test are seniors Zack Kuhns, Esdras Mora, Kevin Caranza; juniors Anthony Perez and Izaiah Smith. Two spots are still available at this moment,

Previously, the test was supposed to take place in December of 2022, however it was moved to February. Although unforeseen, it gave participants more time to practice before testing for their welding certificate, administered by the American Welding Society.

There is also a test session in

Mid-March. This invites a new batch of testers to acquire their certificate, additionally students who did not pass in February have the opportunity to retry.

The students have been practicing SMAW or stick welding which is the welding process used on the exam, however Sellers does not want to continuously focus only on SMAW but recently has introduced GTAW, or TIG welding which uses a flow of electricity and a non-consumable electrode to strike an arc.

This requires many external equipment accessories, such as a foot pedal to adjust the electric flow, ceramic contact tips, and filler rod metal.

Students are excited to learn and practice a new form of welding with projects on the way consisting of GTAW.

Sellers goal is to continue to upgrade the metals shop with up to date and efficient machinery and tools to provide a unique and insightful learning experience for students and to continuously send students for certificates and to continue to gain funding for the metal working program.

Interact Club hosting bake sale Feb. 13-17

By Yasmin Hernandez Diaz

Wooster's Interact Club will host a bake sale Feb.13-17 during lunch.

Interact Club run by president Arin Morris and vice president Frankie Galaviz has been helping the community since they first formed.

As Valentines Day approaches, they are hoping to make an impact on their community by raising money for those in need.

The bake sale will be selling all kinds of baked goods from cookies to cake pops and even more delicious baked items.

Club members will be situated in front of the gym and will have tons of things to choose from.

Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to not only eat some delicious food but to help your community.

Basketball

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out the season has been not quit, relax, we got this and accept the challenge."

The freshman Colts are learning competitive basketball skills in every game they play.

"The team must learn how to play together and to play tough,

was that everything was miniaturized due to it being an island with a high population, and he noticed the city was very neat and clean.

Sellers found the Japanese and its people culture extremely polite and welcoming.

aggressive defense," said coach Kevin Sargent. "The good thing about the season is we've won more than we've loss."

The Colts will wrap up the 2022-23 season with games against Hug and Truckee,

"The best advice I can give our players is to listen, be quiet, don't talk back, hustle and be a good sport," Sargent said.

"Everything on Okinawa island was extremely clean and all their structures were built out of concrete and steel because of the often tsunamis," he said. "The Japanese are a well organized and clean people."

The electric fleecing of America

By Bill Amhearst

The ongoing promotion of electric cars by the government and automobile manufacturers is the latest in a series of “green” moves to improve global environmental conditions.

While it is true that electric vehicles produce less harmful emissions than their gasoline-powered counterparts, is the American public being turned into electric sheep?

The electric vehicle market has exploded over the past five years with Detroit and other car companies touting its environmentally-sound vehicles. It has even gone so far as some states, such as California, proposing total bans on the purchase of gasoline-powered vehicles within its borders by 2035.

However, are there hidden facts that are not being revealed to the general public concerning the push for electric vehicles?

Raw Materials

The American Automobile Association claims the negative environmental impact of electric vehicles starts with the battery production.

The mining of lithium contaminates water supplies due to its mining procedures. The majority of lithium is found in the driest places on earth and mining consumes more than 65 percent of the areas’ water supply according to the United Nations.

The mining of cobalt which is another component of the electric batteries produces by-products and can toxify the surrounding environment by producing sulfuric acid when exposed to water.

This environmental pollution damages rivers, streams and aquatic life that can last for hundreds of years according to studies conducted by the United Nations.

Production

Due to the process of mining for battery raw materials, battery production is the most environmentally damaging stage of electric car production. The European Environment Agency found batteries alone account for 10 percent to 75 percent of the energy and 10 percent to 70 percent of the greenhouse gas emissions resulting from the entire vehicle production.

If the lithium battery is removed from the production equation, production of electric and gasoline-powered vehicle are very similar thereby having nearly identical effects on the environment.

The same EEA study found production of electric cars emits be-

tween 1.3 and two times the amount of greenhouse gases than that of internal-combustion vehicles.

Charging

Until the electrical grid totally is no longer powered by fossil fuels, electric vehicles are directly tied to emissions produced by the process of producing electricity.

With all the grid failures across the country due to extreme weather conditions in the winter and summer, the addition of electric vehicles to the grid only adds to the possibility of grid failures and brownouts such as recently seen in California and other states in the future.

To prevent this, massive restructuring and improvements will be necessary which could cost power companies billions of dollars with costs being passed onto consumers resulting in increasing energy costs.

Recycling

Recycling of lithium batteries used in electric vehicles presents another environmental challenge.

According to “Chemical and Engineering News,” as little as five percent of the world’s lithium car batteries are recycled when compared to 99 percent of lead car batteries recycled.

Most lithium batteries end up in landfills where their hazardous components can leak into the soil and groundwater. Also, the Environmental Protection Agency reports landfills are a major contributor to greenhouse gas emissions.

Additional Costs

There are additional costs associated with electrical vehicles.

Installation of electrical charging stations in a residence can cost between \$1,500 and \$4,500 for the station itself depending on the charging level of the station and voltage requirements.

Installation fees charged by electricians can vary between \$300 to \$800. A 200-amp panel upgrade can cost between \$1,800 and \$2,500. Wiring cost up to \$8 per foot and trenching can cost between \$4 to \$12 per foot.

Price estimates are provided by Carvana.com.

Automobile insurance costs on conventional gasoline-powered vehicles are expensive. Electric vehicle owners can expect to pay up to 15 percent more to cover the insurance on their vehicles.

Vehicle prices are the biggest non-incentive for car buyers. The average initial electric midsize vehicle price is \$65,000 compared to gasoline-powered ve-

hicles at \$32,000 and full-sized vehicles at \$44,000. Full-sized electric pickup trucks at \$60,100 and luxury mid-size SUVs at \$69,600 and up.

If an electric vehicle needs a battery replacement, it can cost between \$2,000 and \$10,000 depending on the vehicle and battery type. Internal combustion vehicles run between \$75 to \$200.

Charging time

Another challenge with electronic vehicles is charging time which depends on multiple factors including the type of charging stations.

- Level 1 stations are slow with a full vehicle charge between 40 to 50 hours.

- Level 2 stations are moderate and can fully charge a vehicle in four to 10 hours.

- Direct Current for Charging stations are fast and can fully charge a vehicle to 80 percent in 20 minutes to an hour. The problem with this station is it is not common and there are a few currently in use.

The disadvantages with charging stations are (1) finding them; (2) charging time, and (3) higher initial costs for installation.

Chronic problems

Finally, automotive problems are a part of owning a vehicle, whether it’s gasoline-powered or electric. Here are some of the chronic problems electric vehicle owners have experienced:

- Display screen malfunctions
- Failure of exterior door lights
- Failing temperature sensors
- Mismatched paint
- Seals and weather-stripping
- Unusual tire wear

While gasoline-powered vehicles experience similar problems, they occur at a higher rate with electric vehicles.

Despite these objections, electric vehicles continue to grow in popularity worldwide with sales doubling in 2021 to a new record of 6.6 million on the road according to the International Energy Agency.

While electronic vehicles are the new ammunition in the green warrior’s arsenal, are all the facts behind the government and media’s push to be electrically correct truly environmentally sound or is this the latest shiny object by which to mesmerize the general public turning them into sheeple and pulling the wool over their eyes?

Only time will tell if the move to electronic vehicles is a sound move and actually beneficial to the environment.

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After school tutoring, 2:30 - 4 p.m.; Career Center
Spring play rehearsal, 2:45 - 5:45 p.m., Hart Theater
Switch Club meeting, lunch; A19
Town Hall, 10 - 1030 a.m.; Big Gym
Wooster Boosters meeting, 5 - 6 p.m.; Career Center |
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Programming Club meeting, lunch; A12
Winterfest Dance, 7 - 10 p.m.; TBD |
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Ski Regionals, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Mt. Rose |
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After school tutoring, 2:30 - 4 p.m.; Career Center
Spring play rehearsal, 2:45 - 5:45 p.m., Hart Theater
Switch Club meeting, lunch; A19 |
| 28 | ACT Testing, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
WIDA Access Testing, 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Career Center
After school tutoring, 2:30 - 4 p.m.; Career Center
Spring play rehearsal, 2:45 - 5:45 p.m., Hart Theater
Switch Club meeting, lunch; A19 |

Preseason track now running

By Belleteny Manzo

Track started with its pre-season January 10 and have had 31 interested students, most of which are freshmen and sophomores.

The official track season starts on February 21.

New, first-year head coach Daniel R. Wexelblatt will take over the Colts program.

“Come out and give it a try and if your first practice is really hard, keep trying,” Wexelblatt said. “As long as you’re having fun, that’s what really matters.. The practices will feel easier as long as you’ve got friends there and your having fun.”

Returning athlete, Victoria Lapiere said, “Track is a mental sport. If you don’t feed your mind positivity, it’ll be harder for you to knock down barriers that you didn’t even know you created.”

Wexelblatt said track is physically hard and longer than usual practices for other sports. However, it’s also social because the meets can take up to hours and in that time athletes can get closer to the people around them. “With new season comes new experiences and new people. I can’t wait to see what this season has in store for us all,” Lapiere said.